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16 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
17 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

18 SIDNEY CHOW,
19 Plaintiff,
20 v.
21 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, a
California Municipality,
22 Defendant.
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Case No. 2:11-cv-5264-CAS-FFMx
The Hon. Christina A. Snyder
**[PROPOSED] JOINT STIPULATED
PROTECTIVE ORDER**
Note Changes Made By Court

1 Plaintiff Sidney Chow ("Plaintiff") and on the one hand, and
2 Defendant County of Los Angeles, on the other hand ("Defendant"), by and through
3 their respective counsel, hereby stipulate to the following protective order, which
4 shall be effective immediately upon signature by both parties:

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6 1. PURPOSES AND LIMITATIONS

7 Disclosure and discovery activity in this action will likely involve
8 production of confidential, sensitive, proprietary, or private information for which
9 special protection from public disclosure and from use for any purpose other than
10 litigating this matter would be warranted. It is the parties' intention that these
11 documents not be disclosed to any person, including Plaintiff in this action.
12 Accordingly, the parties hereby stipulate to and petition the Court to enter the
13 following Stipulated Protective Order.

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15 2. DEFINITIONS

16 2.1 Party: Defendant to this action, including all of its officers,
17 directors, employees, consultants, retained experts, and outside counsel (and their
18 support staff) and Plaintiff's counsel, Plaintiff's counsel's employees, consultants,
19 and retained experts, provided they expressly agree to abide by the terms of this
20 protective order by signing an "Agreement to be Bound by Protective Order"
21 (Exhibit A) and, in so doing, agree not to disclose Protected Material (as defined
22 below) to any other person or entity, including Plaintiff.

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24 2.2 Disclosure or Discovery Material: all items or information,
25 regardless of the medium or manner generated, stored, or maintained (including,
26 among other things, documents, electronic data, testimony, transcripts, or tangible
27 things) that are produced or generated in disclosures or responses to discovery in
28 this matter.

1 2.3 Confidential Information or Items: information (regardless of
2 how generated, stored or maintained) or tangible things that (a) reveal confidential,
3 sensitive, and/or proprietary information regarding Defendant which disclose to
4 another non-party would create a substantial risk of serious injury that could not be
5 avoided by less restrictive means; or (b) reveal personal and/or confidential
6 information about Plaintiff or any third party, including such types of information as
7 are protected by the California constitutional right of privacy.

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9 2.4 Receiving Party: a Party that receives Disclosure or Discovery
10 Material from a Producing Party.

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12 2.5 Producing Party: a Party or non-party that produces Disclosure
13 or Discovery Material in this action.

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15 2.6 Designating Party: a Party or non-party that designates
16 information or items that it produces in disclosures or in responses to discovery as
17 Confidential Information or Items.

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19 2.7 Privileged Material: all items or information, or portions of items
20 or information, regardless of the medium or manner generated, stored, or
21 maintained, including, among other things, testimony, transcripts, or tangible things,
22 that are subject the attorney-client privilege and/or the attorney work product
23 doctrine.

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25 2.8 Protected Material: any Disclosure or Discovery Material that
26 constitutes Confidential Information or Items. As set forth in Paragraph 5.2, the
27 documents, information, items or materials that are subject to the protective order
28 shall be affixed with a label that describes the protected content in a meaningful

1 fashion—i.e., "CONFIDENTIAL - compensation plans," or " CONFIDENTIAL -
2 training material."

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4 2.9 Outside Counsel: attorneys who are not employees of a Party
5 but who are retained to represent or advise a Party in this action (as well as their
6 internal support staffs).

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8 2.10 House Counsel: attorneys who are employees of a Party (as well
9 as their internal support staffs).

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11 2.11 Counsel (without qualifier): Outside Counsel and House
12 Counsel (as well as their support staffs).

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14 2.12 Expert: a person with specialized knowledge or experience in a
15 matter pertinent to the litigation who has been retained by a Party or its counsel to
16 serve as an expert witness or as a consultant in this action. This definition includes
17 a professional jury or trial consultant retained in connection with this litigation.

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19 2.13 Professional Vendors: persons or entities that provide litigation
20 support services (*e.g.*, photocopying; videotaping; translating; preparing exhibits or
21 demonstrations; organizing, storing, retrieving data in any form or medium; etc.)
22 and their employees and subcontractors.

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24 3. SCOPE

25 The protections conferred by this Stipulation and Order extend not only
26 to Protected Material (as defined above), and Confidential Information or Items, but
27 also any information copied or extracted therefrom, as well as all copies, excerpts,
28 summaries, or compilations thereof, plus **deposition** testimony, ~~conversations, or~~

1 ~~presentations by parties or counsel to or in court or in other settings that might~~
2 ~~reveal that contains~~ Protected Material, and Confidential Information or Items.
3 (FFM)
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5 All Court orders will be presumptively available to the public. If a
6 Party files evidence under seal pursuant to Paragraph 10 of this Stipulation, all
7 papers that refer to or rely upon such evidence shall designate the particular aspects
8 that are confidential. This will enable the Court, in drafting orders, to determine
9 whether there is evidence which the Court should attempt not to disclose. Absent
10 such advance notification, the Court will be free to incorporate all such evidence in
11 its written and oral rulings.
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13 In the event that the case proceeds to trial, all of the information filed
14 with the Court that was designated as Protected Material and/or Confidential
15 Information and Items becomes public and will be presumptively available to all
16 members of the public, unless sufficient cause is shown in advance of trial to
17 proceed otherwise.
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19 4. DURATION

20 Even after the termination of this litigation, the confidentiality
21 obligations imposed by this Order shall remain in effect until a Designating Party
22 agrees otherwise in writing or a court order otherwise directs.
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24 5. DESIGNATING PROTECTED MATERIAL

25 5.1 Exercise of Restraint and Care in Designating Material for
26 Protection. Each Party or non-party that designates information or items for
27 protection under this Order must take care to limit any such designation to specific
28 material that qualifies under the appropriate standards. If it comes to a Party's or a

1 non-party's attention that information or items that it designated for protection was
2 done so inadvertently, that Party or non-party must promptly notify all other parties
3 that it is withdrawing the mistaken designation.

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5 5.2 Manner and Timing of Designations. Except as otherwise
6 provided in this Order (*see, e.g.*, section 2.8 above and second paragraph of
7 section 5.2(a), below), or as otherwise stipulated or ordered, material that qualifies
8 for protection under this Order must be clearly so designated before the material is
9 disclosed or produced.

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11 Designation in conformity with this Order requires:

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13 a. for information in documentary form (apart from transcripts of
14 depositions or other pretrial or trial proceedings (FFM)), that the Producing Party
15 affix the legend "CONFIDENTIAL" and a meaningful description of the type of
16 information being protected (i.e., "CONFIDENTIAL – compensation plan" or
17 "CONFIDENTIAL – training material") by use of a watermark, or a label at the top,
18 bottom or right margin of each page that contains protected material or,
19 alternatively, on the first page of a multipage document, if the entire document is
20 protected. If only a portion or portions of the material on a page qualifies for
21 protection, the Producing Party should endeavor to identify the protected portion, as
22 described above, if such dissection of the document can be reasonably achieved
23 without undue burden on the Designating Party.

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25 A Party or non-party that makes original documents or materials
26 available for inspection need not designate them for protection until after the
27 inspecting Party has indicated which material it would like copied and produced.
28 During the inspection and before the designation, all of the material made available

1 for inspection shall be deemed Confidential Information or Items. After the
 2 inspecting Party has identified the documents it wants copied and produced, the
 3 Producing Party must determine which documents, or portions thereof, qualify for
 4 protection under this Order, then, before producing the specified documents, the
 5 Producing Party must affix the legend "CONFIDENTIAL" and a meaning
 6 description of the information protected by way of a watermark, or a label at the top,
 7 bottom or right margin of each page that contains Protected Material, and
 8 Confidential Information and Items. If only a portion or portions of the material on
 9 a page qualifies for protection, the Producing Party also should endeavor to identify
 10 the protected portion(s) (*e.g.*, by making appropriate markings in the margins), if
 11 such dissection of the document can be reasonably achieved without undue burden
 12 on the Designating Party.

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 14 b. for testimony given in deposition or in other pretrial or trial
 15 proceedings (FFM), that the Party or non-party offering or sponsoring, or giving the
 16 testimony identify on the record, before the close of the deposition, ~~hearing, or other~~
 17 ~~proceeding (FFM)~~, all protected testimony, and further specify any portions of the
 18 testimony that qualify as Confidential Information or Items. When it is impractical
 19 to identify separately each portion of testimony that is entitled to protection, and
 20 when it appears that substantial portions of the testimony may qualify for protection,
 21 the party or non-party that sponsors, offers, or gives the testimony reserves the right,
 22 during the time allocated for the witness to review and execute the deposition
 23 transcript, to identify the specific portions of the testimony as Confidential
 24 Information or Items.

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 26 Transcript pages containing Protected Material and Confidential
 27 Information and Items must be separately bound by the court reporter, who must
 28 affix to the top of each such page the legend "CONFIDENTIAL" and a meaningful

1 description of the type information protected, as instructed by the Party or nonparty
2 offering or sponsoring the witness or presenting the testimony.

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4 c. for information produced in some form other than documentary,
5 and for any other tangible items, that the Producing Party affix in a prominent place
6 on the exterior of the container or containers in which the information or item is
7 stored the legend "CONFIDENTIAL" and a meaningful description of the type of
8 information being protected. If only a portion or portions of the material on a page
9 qualifies for protection, the Producing Party also should identify the protected
10 portion(s) (*e.g.*, by making appropriate markings in the margins), if such dissection
11 of the document can be reasonably achieved without undue burden on the
12 Designating Party.

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14 5.3 Inadvertent Failures to Designate. If timely corrected, an
15 inadvertent failure to designate qualified information or items as Confidential
16 Information or Items does not, standing alone, waive the Designating Party's right to
17 secure protection under this Order for such material. If material is appropriately
18 designated as Confidential Information or Items after the material was initially
19 produced, the Receiving Party, on timely notification of the designation, must make
20 reasonable efforts to assure that the material is treated in accordance with the
21 provisions of this Order.

22 23 6. CHALLENGING CONFIDENTIALITY DESIGNATIONS

24 6.1 Challenges. In the event of a dispute regarding the designation
25 of confidential information, the procedure for obtaining a decision from the Court is
26 set forth in Local Rule 37. If the Parties wish to file the Joint Statement required by
27 Local Rule 37 under seal, they must also file an application to do so pursuant to
28 Local Rule 79 setting forth the reasons why the Joint Stipulation or portions thereof

1 should be filed under seal. Until the Court rules on the challenge, all parties shall
2 continue to afford the material in question the level of protection to which it is
3 entitled under the Producing Party's designation.

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5 6.2 Timing of Challenges. Unless a prompt challenge to a
6 Designating Party's confidentiality designation is necessary to avoid foreseeable
7 substantial unfairness, unnecessary economic burdens, or a later significant
8 disruption or delay of the litigation, a Party does not waive its right to challenge a
9 confidentiality designation by electing not to mount a challenge promptly after the
10 original designation is disclosed, so long as the Party exercised reasonable diligence
11 in doing so.

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13 7. ACCESS TO AND USE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL AND
14 CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION AND ITEMS

15 7.1 Basic Principles. A Receiving Party may use Protected Material
16 and Confidential Information or Items that is disclosed or produced by another Party
17 or by a non-party in connection with this case only for prosecuting, defending, or
18 attempting to settle this litigation. Such Protected Material and Confidential
19 Information and Items may be disclosed only to the categories of persons and under
20 the conditions described in this Order. When the litigation has been terminated, a
21 Receiving Party must comply with the provisions of section 11, below (FINAL
22 DISPOSITION).

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24 Protected Material and Confidential Information or Items must be
25 stored and maintained by a Receiving Party at a location and in a secure manner that
26 ensures that access is limited to the persons authorized under this Order.

1 7.2 Disclosure of Confidential Information or Items. Unless
2 otherwise ordered by the court or permitted in writing by the Designating Party, a
3 Receiving Party may disclose, after having given reasonable written notice to
4 Designating Party, any information or item designated as Confidential Information
5 or Items only to:

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7 7.2.1 the Receiving Party's Counsel in this action;

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9 7.2.2 the officers, directors, and employees of the Receiving
10 Party to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this litigation;

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12 7.2.3 experts (as defined in this Order) of the Receiving Party to
13 whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this litigation and who have signed the
14 "Agreement to Be Bound by Protective Order" (Exhibit A);

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16 7.2.4 the Court and its personnel;

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18 7.2.5 court reporters, their staffs, and professional vendors to
19 whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this litigation;

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21 7.2.6 during their depositions, witnesses in the action to whom
22 disclosure is reasonably necessary and who have signed the "Agreement to Be
23 Bound by Protective Order" (Exhibit A). Pages of transcribed deposition testimony
24 or exhibits to depositions that reveal Protected Material and Confidential
25 Information and Items must be separately bound by the court reporter and may not
26 be disclosed to anyone except as permitted under this Stipulated Protective Order; or
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1 7.2.7 the author of the document or the original source of the
2 information.

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4 8. PROTECTED MATERIAL SUBPOENAED OR ORDERED
5 PRODUCED IN OTHER LITIGATION

6 If a Receiving Party is served with a subpoena or an order issued in
7 other litigation that would compel disclosure of any information or items designated
8 in this action as Confidential Information or Items, the Receiving Party must so
9 notify the Designating Party, in writing (by fax, if possible) immediately and in no
10 event more than three court days after receiving the subpoena or order. Such
11 notification must include a copy of the subpoena or court order.

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13 The Receiving Party also must immediately inform in writing the party
14 who caused the subpoena or order to issue in the other litigation that some or all the
15 material covered by the subpoena or order is the subject of this Protective Order. In
16 addition, the Receiving Party must deliver a copy of this Stipulated Protective Order
17 promptly to the party in the other action that caused the subpoena or order to issue.

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19 The purpose of imposing these duties is to alert the interested parties to
20 the existence of this Protective Order and to afford the Designating Party in this case
21 an opportunity to try to protect its confidentiality interests in the court from which
22 the subpoena or order issued. The Designating Party shall bear the burdens and the
23 expenses of seeking protection in that court of its confidential material and nothing
24 in these provisions should be construed as authorizing or encouraging a Receiving
25 Party in this action to disobey a lawful directive from another court.

1 9. UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL
2 AND CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION AND ITEMS

3 If a Receiving Party learns that, by inadvertence or otherwise, it has
4 disclosed Protected Material and Confidential Information and Items to any person
5 or in any circumstance not authorized under this Stipulated Protective Order, the
6 Receiving Party must immediately (a) notify in writing the Designating Party of the
7 unauthorized disclosures, (b) use its best efforts to retrieve all copies of the
8 Protected Material and Confidential Information and Items, (c) inform the person or
9 persons to whom unauthorized disclosures were made of all the terms of this Order,
10 and (d) request such person or persons to execute the "Acknowledgment and
11 Agreement to Be Bound" that is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

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13 10. FILING PROTECTED MATERIAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
14 INFORMATION AND ITEMS

15 Prior to filing Protected Material and Confidential Information and
16 Items in the public records, the moving Party shall seek to file the Protected
17 Material and Confidential Information and Items under seal. If a Party seeks to file
18 Protected Material and Confidential Information and Items under seal, it shall
19 comply with Local Rule 79. Any such application must be made to the particular
20 judge considering the matter to which the proposed under seal filing pertains, and
21 must make an individualized and particular showing of good cause or compelling
22 need, depending on the context.

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24 11. PRIVILEGED MATERIAL

25 The parties shall be permitted but not obligated to review materials for
26 privilege and/or work product protection prior to producing them in this matter.
27 Nothing in this Stipulated Protective Order compels a Party to produce Privileged
28 Material protected by the attorney-client privilege or attorney work product

1 doctrine, and no Party entering into this Stipulated Protective Order waives its right
2 to assert objections based on the attorney-client privilege or attorney work product
3 doctrine, and refrain from producing such Privileged Material, unless such
4 production is agreed to by the Parties or ordered by the Court.

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6 If a Producing Party discovers that it has produced Privileged Material,
7 it may notify the Receiving Party, which will promptly destroy or return all copies
8 of such Privileged Material. Furthermore, if the Receiving Party has already
9 disclosed the Privileged Materials prior to receiving this notice, the Receiving Party
10 must take reasonable steps to retrieve the materials or ensure their destruction.
11 Unless otherwise agreed by the parties in writing, no party shall be permitted to
12 retain Privileged Materials after receiving notification under this section, even if the
13 parties dispute the privilege and/or work product status of the materials. If the
14 parties subsequently agree or the Court orders that such materials should be
15 disclosed, the Producing Party will produce new copies of the materials.

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17 12. FINAL DISPOSITION

18 Unless otherwise ordered or agreed in writing by the Producing Party,
19 within sixty (60) days after the final termination of this action, each Receiving Party
20 must return all Protected Material and Confidential Information and Items to the
21 Producing Party. As used in this subdivision, "all Protected Material" includes all
22 copies, abstracts, compilations, summaries or any other form of reproducing or
23 capturing any of the Protected Material and Confidential Information and Items.
24 With permission in writing from the Designating Party, the Receiving Party may
25 destroy some or all of the Protected Material and Confidential Information and
26 Items instead of returning it. Whether the Protected Material and Confidential
27 Information and Items is returned or destroyed, the Receiving Party must submit a
28 written certification to the Producing Party (and, if not the same person or entity, to

1 the Designating Party) by the sixty-day (60) deadline that identifies (by category,
2 where appropriate) all the Protected Material and Confidential Information and
3 Items that was returned or destroyed and that affirms that the Receiving Party has
4 not retained any copies, abstracts, compilations, summaries or other forms of
5 reproducing or capturing any of the Protected Material and Confidential Information
6 and Items. Notwithstanding this provision, Counsel are entitled to retain an archival
7 copy of all pleadings, motion papers, transcripts, legal memoranda, correspondence
8 or attorney work product, even if such materials contain Protected Material and
9 Confidential Information and Items. Any such archival copies that contain or
10 constitute Protected Material and Confidential Information and Items remain subject
11 to this Protective Order as set forth in Section 4 (DURATION), above.

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13 13. MISCELLANEOUS

14 13.1 Right to Further Relief. Nothing in this Order abridges the right
15 of any person to seek its modification by mutual agreement of the Parties or the
16 Court in the future. No modification made by the Parties shall have the force or
17 effect of a Court order unless the Court approves the modification.

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19 13.2 Right to Assert Other Objections. By stipulating to the entry of
20 this Protective Order no Party waives any right it otherwise would have to object to
21 disclosing or producing any information or item on any ground not addressed in this
22 Stipulated Protective Order.

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24 13.3 Right to Challenge Admissibility. No Party waives any right to
25 object on any ground to use of any of the material covered by this Protective Order
26 at trial, in evidence or otherwise.

EXHIBIT A

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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CLASS ACTION

The Hon. Christina A. Snyder

**Agreement to Be Bound by Protective
Order**

By signing this document, I hereby certify that I have read the Protective Order ("Order") in the above-captioned case. I understand the responsibilities and obligations the Order imposes on persons viewing the material encompassed by the Order, and I agree to be bound by all of the provisions of the Order, so as to enable me to view the material encompassed by the Order. I understand that any violation of the Order by me or anyone acting under my direction may subject me to penalties for contempt of Court and/or other relief sought by a party to the above-captioned matter. I hereby consent to the personal and subject matter jurisdiction over me by the Court for purposes of enforcing my agreement here.

Dated:

Signature

Name (Printed)